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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FACILITATING  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVISIONING  
AND SERVICE ASSURANCE

Atty Docket No. : SWA01 P-105A

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(B)(1) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/874,535, filed on June 5, 2001, for Applicants Alan G. Doherty, Neil S. Rieck, Stephen M. Kennel, Terry J. Shannon and Robert H. Yip, entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FACILITATING TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVISIONING AND SERVICE ASSURANCE.

Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.

The attached papers are a true copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/874,535, as originally filed on June 5, 2001.

The filing fee is calculated below:

Basic Fee	\$770.00
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Each independent claim in excess of three, times \$86.00	\$ 0.00
Number of claims in excess of twenty, times \$18.00	\$ 0.00
Filing multiple dependent claims per application \$290.00	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Total Filing Fee	<u>\$770.00</u>

A check in the amount of \$770 for the filing fee is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0190. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Amend the specification on page 1, at line 4, as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation of United States patent application Serial No. 09/874,535 filed June 5, 2001, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference is the first application filed for the present invention.

New formal drawings are enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that information cited in the prior parent application, Serial No. 09/874,535, be considered in the present application. A disclosure statement is enclosed along with copies of Forms PTO-1449 listing all of the information from the prior parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Bell Canada, of 1050 Beaver Hall Hill, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H2Z 1S4, as recorded at Reel 011885, Frame 0684, on June 5, 2001.

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

A Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form is enclosed.

The power of attorney in the prior application is to Van Dyke, Gardner, Linn & Burkhart, LLP, P.O. Box 888695, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49588-8695, telephone number 616/975-5500, facsimile number 616/975-5505, and the individual patent attorneys and patent agents at such patent law firm, namely, Daniel Van Dyke, Reg. No. 25 046; Donald S. Gardner, Reg. No. 25 975; Terence J. Linn, Reg. No. 30 283; Frederick S. Burkhart, Reg. No. 29 288.

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An Associate Power of Attorney (37 C.F.R. 1.34) is enclosed.

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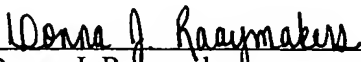
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I certify that this paper together with the attached continuation patent application comprising a Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form (2 pages); Preliminary Amendment (4 pages); copy of prior application Serial No. 09/874,535, filed on June 5, 2001 (32 pages), and Declaration (37 CFR 1.63) for Utility or Design Application Using an Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76) (2 pages); copy of the Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent (2 pages); Associate Power of Attorney (37 C.F.R. 1.34) (1 page); nine (9) sheets of drawings (in duplicate); Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages) and Forms PTO-1449 (3 sheets); cover letter (3 pages, in duplicate); check in the amount of \$770 for the filing fee and return postal card are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail in an envelope having Express Mail Mailing Label Number EV303947264US addressed to:

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